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"CEGIELSKI" LOCOMOTIVE PLANT LAGS BEHIND QUOTA

The "Cegielski" Plant in Poznan, one of the most important enterprises for the production of locomotives, railroad cars, and machine tools, has not reached its planned quota for the last 7 months. Using 1937 base-year prices, only 85 percent of the 1947 production quota was met. In 1948, the plan was exceeded by 15 percent.

At a meeting held this April, the workers pledged to meet the yearly quota before 1 December and to exceed it by 6.7 percent before 31 December. In June, however, the plant received rush orders, and the directors of the Association of the Rolling Stock and Equipment Industry decided to increase the production plan.

The workers supported the plan, with one reservation: the larger number of locomotives could only be produced if all necessary parts were delivered before 1 July. All original work to be performed by the workers has been completed, but the metallurgical plants responsible for the supply of parts, roller bearings, etc., were late with deliveries. Boiler plate for assembling the locomotives had not been delivered by September. As a result, the production quota will be met only in terms of value, but not according to product groups. Frequent changes from one type of machinery to another also hamper production, but difficulties are mostly due to bottlenecks in the supplying industries. Steps have been taken to remedy the condition. Roller bearings are now being produced on the site; a foundry has been activated at the "Segelsholm" Plant to make grey-iron castings, and the plant's own trucks bring the missing supplies.

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